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PRICE CONTROL—ENFORCEMENT OF

54. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin-Christians-Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have issued any instructions to the Magistracy and Police regarding enforcement of Price Control in the State and the date of the issue of such instructions;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to place a copy of the instructions on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes; not only to the Police and Magistracy but to all executive officers.

(*b*) Government do not think that any useful purpose is going to be served by placing copies of the instructions on the table.

ISOLATION SHED—MATTANCHERI—SHIFTING OF

55. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether Government has received any complaint of shifting Isolation Shed of Mattancheri to the thickly populated place near the Chullical Church?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christian -Mattancheri):* Has the Government made any enquiries into the matter.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That proposal has been dropped for the present.

MATTANCHERI MAIN BAZAAR—SURVEY OF

56. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have made a survey of the present Mattancheri Main Bazaar with a view to widen the same, to ensure safety of the congested vehicular traffic?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT TRUST—MATTANCHERI

57. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased now to state whether they have examined further the question of forming a Self-supporting Town Improvement Trust for Mattancheri, for tackling the foreshore scheme and congested slum areas and for generally planning and lay out of the town?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No. Government do not think that it is necessary to constitute a Town Improvement Trust for Mattancheri.

KEROSENE OIL AVAILABLE IN COCHIN STATE—QUANTITY OF

58. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the quantity of kerosene oil now available in the State;

(*b*) the probable quantity that may be available during the next six months?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) and (*b*) Government have no information. This is a matter which is known only to the 3 Oil Companies.

COMPASSIONATE GRATUITY—DEVAYANI AMMA

59. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are Government in receipt of a petition for compassionate gratuity from Devayani Amma, widow of late Mr. Ramankutty Nayar, Poyyala House, who was Village Menon in Mulathara Village;

(*b*) whether the request was refused, if so, on what grounds;

(*c*) will Government be pleased to place on the Council Table

i. the petition;

ii. the connected file;

and *iii.* a copy of the rules governing the granting of compassionate gratuity to widows and children of Government servants who die in harness?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) A petition has been received from Devayani Amma, widow of late Mr. Ramankutty Nayar.

(*b*) Yes, under Article 149 (*k*) C. S. R.

(*c*) *i.* The petition is placed on the Council Table.
ii. The connected file cannot be placed on the Council Table.
iii. The rules are found in Appendix A., C. S. R.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Hon'ble Member kindly read out Article 149K of the Cochin Service Regulations.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The article reads thus:—"No claim to pension is admissible in the case of Village Parvathyams and Menons appointed on or after the 1st Chingam 1099" That must be read along with Appendix A which says "in the event of a pensionable Government servant dying before retirement, compassionate gratuity will be granted to his family at the rate of three-fourths of a month's pay for each year of the Government servants' permanent service, etc., etc.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* In the matter of giving pensions, has not the rule been changed in the case of Parvathyams and Menons appointed after 1099?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. Recently it has been changed. It applies only to those persons who retire after that order.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* So it means that persons who have died before the order will not get the benefit?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Those who are not in pensionable service will not get it.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Shall I take it that it is the view of the Government that those who do not get this pension do not get this gratuity also?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That is the fundamental principle on which the rule is based.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: റൂൾ-നുശേഷം അപ്പോയിൻറു ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളവർക്കു പെൻഷൻ കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു് ഓർഡറുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: അടുത്തകാലത്തു് ഓർഡറായിട്ടുള്ളതാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ ഓർഡർ വരുന്നതിനുമുമ്പു് അപ്പോയിൻറു ചെയ്തു് മരിച്ചുപോയിട്ടുള്ളവർക്കു് ഇതു ബാധകമാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: മുമ്പു റിട്ടയർ ചെയ്തവരെ ഇതു ബാധിക്കയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ ഓർഡർ പാസ്സായതിനുശേഷം മരിച്ചുപോയിട്ടുള്ള കേസാണോ ഇതിൽ പറയുന്നതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: അല്ല, അല്ല.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Sir, seeing that these Parvathyams and Menons are poor people, will the Government be pleased to change those rules?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Now there is no necessity for a change because it is made pensionable now. Actually those who die after the recent order will get it.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Why should this distinction be made?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It existed for such a long number of years.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: റൂൾ-ൽ അപ്പോയിൻറു ചെയ്തുമരിച്ചുപോയിട്ടുള്ളവരുടെ കാര്യത്തിൽ ഈ ഓർഡർപ്രകാരം ഗ്രാറ്റുവിറ്റി കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Then there is no meaning in the rule.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government kindly consider the idea of giving retrospective effect to this change?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That cuts out at the fundamental rule of granting pensions.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ഇതു് ഫിം ഫസ്റ്റം ഉദ്യോഗം വഹിക്കുന്നവരുടെ കാര്യത്തിലെങ്കിലും അനുവദിച്ചുകൂടേ ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)* : All these matters are guided by the rules then in force according to the Cochin Service Regulations.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : സി. എസ്സ്. ആർ-ൽ വ്യത്യാസപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ കഴിയുകയില്ലേ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : It is now being done. It cannot be given retrospective effect. Otherwise there is no necessity for the rule itself.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)* : Such cases are only very rare and I think it will only be about half a dozen.

PAZHANJI-KADAVALLUR ROAD

60. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has issued a memo on 19th May 1941 Ref: 3231/16 stating that the proposal for connecting the newly opened Pazhanji-Kadavallur road with British Frontier will be placed before the Road Board for consideration ;

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to inform whether the matter has received the approval of the Board and the Government ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is pending the decision of the Board.

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar *(Nominated)*: Mr. President, Sir, I am highly grateful to you for having assigned to me the privilege of performing this melancholy duty.

Born in Cochin the late Mr. K. Narasimha Pai had his early education in the Santa Cruz School at Cochin, and later graduated himself from the Presidency College, Madras which has produced several illustrious men.

After taking the degree Mr. Pai entered service in Travancore and very soon became the Headmaster and Manager of the T. D. School at Cochin, and it was from there that he was drafted to the Maharaja's College, as Lecturer. He rose successively to the position of the Professor of Chemistry and the Principal of the College, and for a time also acted as the Director of Public Instruction in which capacity he was a member of this Hon'ble House.

Mr. Pai or "Pai Master" as he used to be called affectionately by friends, will be chiefly known as the Principal of the Maharaja's College,a position which he occupied with conspicuous ability for some years before he retired. His name will be cherished in the memory of posterity as long as the Maharaja's College exists, for it was during his Principalship that the new laboratories were constructed, which has made the College an object of pride to our friends and well-wishers. In his death we have lost a simple and unostentatious man, a warm and genial friend, an able administrator, and an educationist of sound and sober views. We deeply bemoan his loss.

And now I beg to commend to this Hon'ble House for its acceptance the resolution which I have been privileged to move. "This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. K. Narasimha Pai who has been for some time officiating Director of Public Instruction and an official Member of this House." MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!

***Mr. M. L. Joseph** *(Latin-Christians-Cranganur)*: Sir, on behalf of myself and my party I wish to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Mover. As a student of the late lamented Mr. Pai I deem it a duty incumbent upon me to pay the tribute that he rightly deserves. Mr. Pai, one of the former pupils of the Maharaja's College, rose to the place of its principal and it lay to the alumini to guide the destinies of the Alma Mater for some time. He was one of the greatest benefactors of the College and it was during his time that the extension of the college was completed and the college was housed in a building which it properly deserves. He distinguished himself even as a student and after taking his B.A. Degree in the first class with distinction he joined the Maharaja's College teaching staff and as a professor his abiding interest in Chemistry, his genial temperament, his kind heart and above

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member

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